

WINSLOW RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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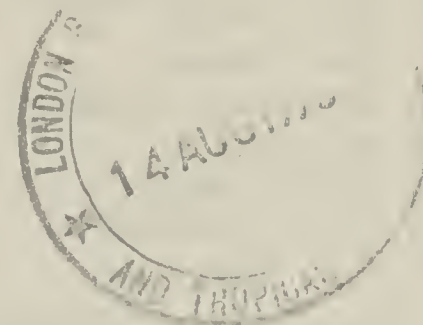
CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

and

SURVEYOR

for the year

1971



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PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS FOR 1970

Medical Officer of Health
Surveyor & Public Health Inspector
Deputy Surveyor & Public Health Inspector
Public Health Clerks

REPRESENTING

Drayton Parslow
Dunton
East Claydon
Granborough
Great Horwood
Hoggeston
Hogshaw
Little Horwood
Mursley
Nash
Newton Longville
Newton Longville
North Marston
Shenley Brook End
Stewkley
Stewkley
Swanbourne
Swanbourne
Tattenhoe
Whaddon
Winslow
Winslow
Winslow

Dr. P. Lavis, M.B., Ch.B. D.P.H.
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COMMITTEES

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Finance, Rating and General Purposes Committee

Chairman	Cclr. J. Morton.
Vice Chairman	Cclr. J.T.R. Phillips, J.P.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for 1971.

A little more attention is being given to the quality of life and 1971 has generally been a year where much more publicity has been given to the pollution aspect of this, heightened by a number of dramatic national and international incidents giving rise to hazardous situations. Locally we have some pollution from brickworks chimney stack effluent, but water-courses are in a reasonable state. The catastrophe that would have descended on us from the third London Airport has now been averted, probably due to public awareness of the facts and their willingness to take action. Unfortunately, mass communication media tend to give emphasis to the more hair-raising prophecies of doom concocted by some individuals and this might result in a general reaction to regard all warnings of coming problems with cynicism and treat them as fictional. Unless this problem is treated seriously by each individual, in the years to come responsibility will have to be transferred from the individual to a more authoritarian type government that will act for the individual.

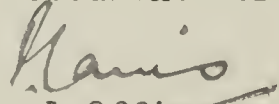
This responsibility must be taken across all fields of activity from mundane matters such as reducing the quantity of waste materials (buying by the appearance of the packet rather than its contents), acquisition of articles as status symbols rather than their actual usefulness, to more esoteric matters, as the need for large families.

On many occasions in the past I have mentioned the need for limiting family size and I make no apology for stressing this again. Many, if not most, of our problems would be brought into manageable proportions if the population could be reduced or at least stabilised. There is urgent need for a free family planning service to be provided by the National Health Service.

By the time this report appears I anticipate that the government will have made known its intentions on the reorganisation of health services. The Council has already shown its concern over the size of community representation in the forthcoming new larger district councils, and I would like it to consider this aspect on the new Area Health Boards. This has not been a feature of the present health organisation, but there is an opportunity for more adequate public representation in 1974 provided the case for this is properly put forward.

I remain,

Your obedient Servant,


Medical Officer of Health.

VITAL STATISTICS

<u>Births</u>			<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>
Live Births:	(Legitimate)	Males	104	91
		Females	88	75
	(Illegitimate)	Males	6	1
		Females	4	5
		Total	202	172
Still Births			2	NIL
Birth Rate (corrected) Winslow R.D.C.			23.2	19.2
England and Wales			16.0	16.0

Deaths

<u>Deaths:</u>	Males	65	75
	Females	68	72
	Total	133	147
Death rate (corrected) Winslow		8.3	8.9
England and Wales		11.7	11.6
Infant Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 yr. per 1000 live births)			
Winslow R.D.C.			12.0
England and Wales			18.0

Miscellaneous

Area (in acres)	36,436	
Population	9,920	10,220
Number of inhabited houses at 31st December 1970 according to rate book	3,409	3,420
Rateable Value	£318,342	£337,781
Sum represented by penny rate	£1.370	£3.336

Principal Causes of Death

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Enteritis and other diarrhoeal diseases	-	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	1	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	1	3	4
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	1	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	4	3	7
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	3	3
Other Malignant Neoplasms	2	1	3
Diabetes Mellitus	-	1	1
Mental Disorders	-	1	1
Other Diseases of Nervous System	2	2	4
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	-	3	3
Hypertensive Disease	5	1	6
Ischaemic Heart Disease	22	5	27
Other Forms of Heart Disease	1	8	9
Cerebrovascular Disease	10	13	23
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	1	5	6
Pneumonia	7	10	17
Bronchitis and Emphysema	7	3	10
Asthma	-	1	1
Peptic Ulcer	1	-	1
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	-	1	1
Cirrhosis of Liver	1	-	1

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	1	2	3
Diseases of Skin, Subcutaneous Tissue	-	1	1
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	-	2	2
Congenital Anomalies	1	-	1
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	-	1	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	-	1
All other accidents	3	1	4
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	2	-	2
All other external causes	1	-	1
Total all causes	75	72	

PERSONAL HEALTH SERVICES

Ambulance Service Administered by Bucks County Council from Aylesbury with a sub-station at Bletchley serving the north of the area, with a base at Buckingham.

Hospital Under the Oxford Regional Board. Patients are generally treated at Aylesbury. Outpatient facilities are also available in certain specialities at Bletchley, Buckingham and Wolverton.

Health Visiting Winslow Health Centre (Tel: 2215).

District Nursing/Midwifery Winslow Health Centre.

Industrial Unit (for subnormals) Whaddon Way, Bletchley.

Child Health Clinics Clinics are held at regular intervals at Winslow, Stewkley and Newton Longville in hired halls. The mobile clinic visits Great Horwood, Little Horwood, Mursley, Drayton Parslow, Swanbourne, Nash, Whaddon and Shenley.

Dental Clinic Treatment is offered to children and expectant mothers at Bletchley, Buckingham and Aylesbury. In addition the dentist visits schools regularly.

Health Education Area Organiser - Mr. T. Watson at Area Health Office, Bletchley.

School Health Service Administered from Area Health Office, Bletchley. This includes arrangements for examination of pupils in accordance with the Education Act, 1944, ascertainment of handicap and arranging appropriate treatment. The Child Guidance Clinic is situated at Whalley Drive, Bletchley, B.C.G. vaccination against tuberculosis is carried out in the schools as well as polio, diphtheria tetanus measles and rubella antigens.

Health Centre Avenue Road, Winslow (Tel: 2215).

Contraception Advice Family Planning Clinics held at Whalley Drive and Katrine Place Health Clinics, Bletchley, and the Meacham Clinic, Wolverton. For appointments telephone Bletchley 2285.

Marriage Guidance Sessions held at Whalley Drive Clinic, Bletchley. For appointments tel: Bletchley 4500, and Health Centre, Winslow. (Appointments Tel: 2215).

Cervical Cytology By private doctor or at local authority clinics (Tel: Bletchley 4701 for appointment).

Occupational Therapy 226 Queensway, Bletchley.

Social Services Department Area Social Worker - Mr. P.K. Smith, Maybrook House, 224, Queensway, Bletchley. (Tel: Bletchley 4701).

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A - SEWERAGE

Existing Sewers and Disposal Works

During the year all works continued to function satisfactorily and effluent samples taken by the River Boards were generally up to the required standard. Details of the samples taken are given below:-

<u>Works</u>	<u>No. taken</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
Drayton Parslow	4	3	1
Great Horwood	4	3	1
North Marston	5	4	1
Shenley (Housing Plant)	4	3	1
Stewkley	5	5	0
Swanbourne	3	3	0
Whaddon	1	1	0
Winslow	5	3	2 (marginally)

The works at Drayton Parslow, Great Horwood, North Marston and Winslow are now probably taking effluent in excess of their design capacity. This fact has got to be considered if and when further extensive development in these parishes is contemplated. Fortunately the problem at Winslow will be solved once the new Works Extension Scheme is underway. In the smaller parishes development of even a limited nature could be classed as extensive when related to the total population.

Nash and Whaddon

During the year the new disposal works at Whaddon was opened. This receives effluent from the two parishes of Nash and Whaddon. It is interesting to record that it was 1961 when the Council first contemplated the sewerage of Nash only. As the result of difficulties arising with the acquisition of a suitable site for the works it was decided to sewer both Whaddon and Nash with one disposal works at Whaddon. The delays caused by early set-backs have undoubtedly resulted in a better final Scheme. It is far more satisfactory to have a few larger works than many smaller ones.

Newton Longville

The old disposal works at Newton Longville was finally done away with during the year when the new pumping station, associated sewers and pumping main were completed.

It was 1963 when the first report was prepared by Messrs. D. Balfour and Son. Here again a good solution to the problem has been found in that the effluent from this, our second largest parish, is now being pumped to Bletchley. This is, to my mind, a better solution than having an additional disposal works to maintain. The old works had been overloaded for many years and treatment of the effluent had become almost non-existent. As a result of this the brook was often heavily polluted which gave rise to many complaints from the nearby industrial site and indeed, Bletchley.

East and Botolph Claydon and Winslow Works Extension

Work continued during the year on the preparation of this scheme and Messrs. D. Balfour and Sons were also instructed to prepare a scheme for a new trunk sewer and pumping station to serve the eastern side of Winslow. This will enable a start to be made in implementing the Winslow Expansion Plan.

B - PUBLIC CLEANSING

Refuse Collection and Disposal

The normal weekly collection was maintained for most of the year. Unfortunately disruptions of the service increased over previous years but this is no doubt due to the fact that this service is continually expanding, the same labour force is employed, and the two vehicles are getting older. However, in spite of the problems I feel that the public still got a good service from the Council.

The benefits of having a compound at Stewkley Tip and the availability of the tip to the public undoubtedly resulted in far less indiscriminate dumping during the year. The tip was maintained to a high standard and very few complaints were received. With the present system of controlled tipping, however, this tip is rapidly being filled and I feel that further consideration of the matter will have to be given in the near future.

Streets Cleansing - Winslow

The only highways cleansed by the Council are as follows and these together with the Market Square are done at the latter end of each week. A litter collection is also carried out in the High Street on Mondays.

- (a) High Street
- (b) Station Road
- (c) Buckingham Road
- (d) Sheep Street
- (e) Horn Street

C - BUILDING CONTROL

Building control throughout the district is exercised by the Council. The number of applications dealt with during recent years is as follows:-

1971	254
1970	194
1969	178
1968	196

A large proportion of time continues to be spent on visits and inspections to ensure compliance with the Building Regulations.

D - PLANNING CONTROL

Under the Delegation Agreement made between the Council and the County Council certain functions of the Town and Country Planning Acts are exercised by the District Council.

The number of applications deposited during recent years is as follows:-

1971	249
1970	222
1969	210
1968	233
1967	247
1966	226
1965	236
1964	213
1963	179

E - SWIMMING POOLS

There is one swimming pool in the district (at Stewkley) and this is privately owned. It is, however, open to the public during the season and regular sampling of the water takes place both by the owner and the Council to ensure that a satisfactory standard is maintained.

F - RODENT CONTROL

The control of rodents throughout the district is undertaken by one operative who is employed jointly by Wing and Winslow District Councils. During the year the following inspections and treatments were carried out.

	<u>Surveys</u>	<u>Treatments</u>
Dwellinghouses	1047 (94)	177
Agricultural Properties	141 (15)	40
Business Properties	69 (22)	10

The figures in brackets are the numbers of properties surveyed as the result of notification of infestation. The Council's refuse tip at Stewkley and all sewage disposal works have been regularly inspected and treated when necessary.

During the year the usual testing and treating of public sewers took place and only very minor infestations had to be dealt with.

G - OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The number of registered premises at the end of 1971 was 30. At least one visit was paid to each of these premises during the year, and the premises generally complied with the provision of the Act.

The total number of employees in registered premises was 220.

H - HOUSING

<u>Discretionary Grant Applications</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1970</u>
(a) Number of applications received	7	6
(b) Amount of grant approved	£3252	£3105

Standard Grant Applications

(a) Number of applications received	25	34
(b) Number of applications approved	24	34
(c) Number of applications not yet dealt with	1	0
(d) Number of applications refused	0	0

Standard Grant totals agreed during the past few years are as follows:-

1971	£7,598
1970	£8,425
1969	£8,122
1968	£5,013
1967	£3,917
1966	£2,744

Of the above applications sixteen were for higher limit grants and one was for a reduced limit grant.

Council Houses

The number of houses owned by the Council at the 1st April 1972 was:-

Pre-War	212
Post-War	606
Total	818

Private Houses

(a) Number of unfit houses demolished during the year	0
(b) Number of unfit houses closed during the year	0
(c) Number of provisional Qualification Certificates granted	3
(d) Number of Qualification Certificates granted (following completion of works).....	1
(e) Number of Qualification Certificates granted (where amenities already existing.	6

I - WATER SUPPLIES

Water supply throughout the district is the responsibility of the Bucks Water Board. All parishes in the area are supplied and apart from a few isolated farms and other properties the vast majority of the population is served.

J - FACTORIES ACT, 1961

The following inspections were carried out during the year:-

	No. on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occs. Pros.
Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6, are to be enforced by Local Authorities	2	2	NIL	NIL
Factories not included in the above in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	19	12	NIL	NIL
	21	14	NIL	NIL

K - FOOD

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960

Premises throughout the district falling within the scope of the Regulations are summarised as follows:-

CATEGORY	NO.	Fitted to comply with Reg. 16. (Wash Basins)	To which Reg. 19 applies (Sinks)	Fitted to comply with Reg.19 (Sinks)
Gen. Stores	24	24	24	24
Butchers	6	5	6	6
Greengrocers	3	3	3	3
Confectioners	9	9	-	-
Fishmongers	2	2	2	2
Public Houses	26	26	26	26
Cafes	3	3	3	3
Bakeries	3	3	3	3
Bread/Cakes	1	1	1	0
Works Canteen	1	1	1	1
School Kitchens	12	12	12	12
	90	89	81	80

Slaughterhouses

There are no slaughterhouses within the district.

